# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF CULTIVABLE LAND UNDER IRRIGATION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any plant to bring the cultivable land under irrigation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to Maharashtra;

(c) whether the percentage of irrigated land is proposed to be substantially increased during the Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Irrigation being a State subject, all types of irrigation projects/schemes are conceived, planned, investigated and executed by the respective State Governments from their plan allocations and according to their own priorities.

With a view to bring additional areas under irrigation, the Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to the State Governments for expeditious completion of identified ongoing major and medium irrigation/multipurpose projects. Under the Programme Rs.11541.73 crores has been provided up to the end of March 2003 to 28 States.

The Government of India have introduced a Fast Track Programme under AIBP for providing 100% loan assistance to the States to complete projects in the advanced stage of construction within one year`s time.

Maharashtra has received Rs.416.10 crores upto the end of March 2003 as Central Loan Assistance for 15 ongoing major and medium projects in the State and Rs.22.16 crores for 6 other projects under the Fast Track Programme during 2002-2003. The Tenth Plan Outlay of Maharashtra for the Irrigation and Flood Control Sector is Rs.15255.01 crores, which is about 16% of the overall outlay of all States together amounting to Rs.91849.69 crores.

(c) & (d): As per overall outlay for Irrigation and Flood Control Sector for the States amounting to Rs.91849.69 crores approved for the Tenth Five Year Plan, the creation of Irrigation potential during the Tenth Plan is likely to increase by about 15% of the existing potential. Targets for creation of additional irrigation potential are fixed by the State Governments on year to year basis depending upon the outlay made available through Annual Plans.